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For: METHOD FOR STRUCTURING AN

EQUITY ISSUE UTILIZING A CLOSED BLOCK BUSINESS

ENTITY

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 10, 2006 OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 10, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The October 10, 2006 Office Action provided a period of 3 months in which to file a response, i.e., by January 10, 2007. A Petition for a two-month extension of time is submitted herewith. Accordingly, a reply is now due by March 10, 2007 and this Amendment is being timely filed.